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Katsumi Saitoh et al.

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U.S. Patent No. 5,961,916
Patent Abstracts of Japan Publication No. 58098112
Patent Abstracts of Japan Publication No. 05111622
German Patent Application No. DE 41 21 493
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German Patent Application No. DE 31 03 176
German Patent Application No. DE 38 18 210

European Patent Application No. EP 0 175 432
European Patent Application No. EP 0 139 822
European Patent Application No. EP 0 148 290

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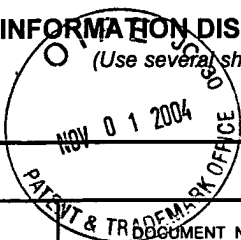
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